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(SBU) Poloff delivered ref B demarche to Leila Villatoro, Deputy Director for UN Affairs at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA), and Elisa Oliva, Second Secretary at the MFA, in advance of the International Organization for Migration's (IOM) upcoming elections in Geneva. Oliva stated that the GOG had not decided which candidate it would support as the IOM's new Director General. Pol/Econ Counselor also discussed Ambassador Swing's candidacy with Vice Foreign Minister Lars Pira. Pira commented that while he was aware the elections would be held on June 18, the GOG had not yet made a decision regarding the IOM DG candidacy. Derham